

As you know, Sinclair Broadcast Group has announced that it intends to require all of its stations to air a film called "Stolen Honor." Airing a blatantly partisan attack ad on the eve of an election and characterizing it as a newsworthy documentary is a new low in American politics and an abuse of the public trust accorded to broadcasters. It is clear that Sinclair is attempting to affect the outcome of a closely contested presidential election through a last minute smear.

As a broadcaster over free public airwaves, Sinclair has an obligation to serve the public interest, an obligation it clearly is not fulfilling. It is hard to imagine a clearer case for the dangers of media consolidation.

I urge you to consider Sinclair's actions at license renewal time, and show them that the FCC takes seriously the broadcasters' obligations to serve the public interest.